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# STATEMENT BY EDWARD J. NOBLE

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD • American Broadcasting Company

ANOTHER year takes its place on the long scroll of time. When history looks back to value it comparatively in its decade, 1947 will hardly be marked for distinguished accomplishment on either the national or the world scene. The tempo of affairs has gradually slowed down from the high pitch of the war period. Let's hope that it augurs an eventual return to sanity and peace throughout the world and for all mankind.

Once again a great demonstration of the workings of democracy in our country will be given next November for all the world to see. More than fifty million voters will turn out to choose a president, governors, and many legislators. Those selected will be faced with unusual responsibilities in determining the policies of our internal economy and those governing our relations with the other peoples of the world. In a day when that world has shrunken to what is really but a neighborhood of nations, these decisions will resound around the globe. They will go far toward determining whether this world of ours is to be a One, Two, or Much-Divided-World.

Every person living today has a measure of responsibility for the future of mankind as a thinker, a worker, a voter. But we in the radio industry have an extra duty and a special privilege. It falls to us to hold a sounding board before a world in action so that all may hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest history in the making. Our exposure has many facets — news, analysis, music, drama, sports, and entertainment. Their impact on men's minds is tremendous, giving us importance in world developments far and away beyond our numbers.

It is again my privilege to say "well done" in reporting on the state of the radio industry. Duties have been performed, responsibilities executed, and privileges won — all in the name of public service. Broadcasting has maintained the high standards of performance now regarded as inherent in the business. The American Broadcasting Company has widened its coverage, increased its circulation, and gained in listener acceptance. ABC is an alphabetical arrangement found on your dial that no one wants to repeal.

To all who have helped in building this network—employees, speakers, artists, players, sponsors, and the listening public—we extend our grateful appreciation. With this goes a promise of increased effort, new and improved facilities, fresh phases of the art, and a vigorous determination to broaden and deepen our contribution so as to make the American Way a still better way and available to an ever greater number.

# STATEMENT BY MARK WOODS

PRESIDENT • American Broadcasting Company

THE American Broadcasting Company has concluded its most successful year, establishing records in programming, facilities improvements, and in sales. Gross billings from the sale of network radio time during 1947 were \$43,548,057 an increase of 7.22 percent over the 1946 figure.

With general production increasing, and a still unsatisfied demand for consumer goods, 1948 should bring even a better market than 1947. Advertising through radio broadcasting and through other media should

increase during the coming year.

Currently, the Company holds television and frequency modulation licenses in five cities—New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Sites for transmitters have been selected in all of these cities and operations will begin first in New York.

With the addition of 32 affiliated stations during the past year, the American Broadcasting Company now presents programs over 265 American stations. It has been our policy to concentrate on service in

major markets of the country.

The provision of mechanical facilities is, in itself, not enough. Programming is an integral part of broadcasting operations, and, therefore, ABC has steadily strived to improve its program structure. "Patterned programming," in which broadcasts of the same general nature are presented in succeeding time periods, was further developed by ABC during the past year. For example, on ABC, Wednesday night is comedy and variety night, Tuesday night presents a selection of serious music and discussion programs, and Friday night offers a group of America's top mystery programs for radio listeners.

Many leading artists were heard on the network in 1947. You will see their names in the course of this report. Among major programming developments of the year were the presentation of the Paul Whiteman Club five afternoons a week, and the inauguration of the Boston Sym-

phony broadcasts on a co-operative basis.

During the year the American Broadcasting Company added a number of new sponsors, some of them entering the field of broadcast advertising for the first time. Among these new sponsors were R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, National Biscuit Company, Nestle's Milk Products, Inc., General Electric Company's lamp division, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and Elgin-American. Of equal importance was the continuance of broadcasts by the nation's old-line major advertisers.

With new technical developments and with the continuing demand on the part of the nation for goods, present indications are that the coming year will establish further records in the fields of radio and its

allied arts.

THIS report on the progress of the network in 1947 comes at a time when we all are looking forward to the increased activities of a new year. It is an appropriate time also to look back at a most satisfying period of growth and expansion of the American Broadcasting Company.

Of greatest general interest is the ever-increasing roster of star performers and of first-rank advertisers now using the network, indicating its expanding importance to the listener and usefulness to the advertiser. Bing Crosby is midway through his second season on ABC for the Philco Corporation. Walter Winchell, for Jergens, and Drew Pearson, for Lee Hats, are attracting more attention and more listeners as the years go by. The Theatre Guild on the Air, under the sponsorship of the United States Steel Corporation, continues its outstanding array of star performers and compelling dramas.

Equally important new names appeared in the ABC lineup during 1947. Lionel Barrymore, who has just capped the year with his beloved portrayal of the Scrooge of Dickens' "Christmas Carol", is heard regularly in Mayor of the Town, for the Noxzema Chemical Company. Groucho Marx and his inimitable, brash humor are presented by Elgin-American. Others new to the network during the year are Abbott and Costello; Edward Arnold; Tales of Willie Piper, for General Electric; Jack Paar; the Paul Whiteman Club; Parks Johnson and Warren Hull in Vox Pop, for the American Express Company; starting December 31 The Texaco Star Theatre for the Texas Company; and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company will present Point Sublime on a Transcontinental ABC network starting very soon. Thus, the voice of ABC is richer and stronger as it moves into 1948.

# Ring in the New

The First Families of Advertising, tuning in on ABC, have liked it better and better. Still more of them came over to our house in 1947, such companies as General Electric, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the National Biscuit Company, John Hancock Mutual Life

Insurance Company, Reichhold Chemicals Inc., the American Express Company, Champion Spark Plug Company, Elgin-American, Noxzema, the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Sales Co., Inc., the Bosco Company, and the Drackett Company. Others who joined us during the year included John Morrell and Company, Nestle's Milk Products, and the Norwich Pharmacal Company.

# **Progress**

ABC expanded for a significant business gain during 1947. Specifically, it closed the year with a gross network revenue of \$43,548,057 which is a 7.22 per cent over 1946 and by far the best year in the network's history. This is even more dramatic when compared with the revenue of the network only five years ago, when it totaled \$15,782,493.

ABC leads all networks in network advertising in the food field. In 1947, for example, the food field purchsaed \$15,476,000 worth of our facilities—more than double their expenditure with us in our first year of independent operation and a greater dollar-increase than that of any other network over the same years.

# Sun Shines Bright...

There is also the story of the daytime. Last year these pages announced that the SRO sign was hung out on the morning schedule. Now, ABC is virtually sold out in the afternoon as well, Monday through Friday. And an imposing daytime schedule continues to win new listeners as well as hold the large audience already won.

In the morning, ABC's schedule is replete with stellar names. There is Don McNeill's irrepressible *Breakfast Club* under the sponsorship of the Toni Company, Swift, and Philco. *My True Story* (Libby McNeill and Libby) offers compelling drama, as does *The Listening Post* (Curtis Circulation Co.) *Betty Crocker* (General Mills) comes to the rescue of today's harried housewife with timely hints and advice, as well as offering her an entertaining morning interval. On the more serious side is *Club Time* (Club Aluminum).

Tom Breneman and Breakfast in Hollywood (Procter & Gamble and Kellogg) continue on their happy way; while for news, views, commentary, and homely philosophy, there are Star Time with Dorothy Kilgallen

(Drackett Co.), Galen Drake (Kellogg), and Ted Malone (Westinghouse).

ABC's afternoons get off to a gay start with Welcome Travelers (Procter & Gamble), move on to deep human interest listening with Bride and Groom (Sterling Drug), then to mirth and merriment with Ladies Be Seated (Quaker Oats and the Toni Company). Then the

Paul Whiteman Club sessions open.

Superb addition to ABC daytime listening in mid-season is the Metropolitan Opera (Texas Company); and Sunday afternoons will be enhanced, in the immediate future, by the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air under the sponsorship of the Farnsworth Television and Radio Corporation. Already favorite listening in this Sunday time are Lassie (John Morrell & Co.), Sam Pettengill (America's Future, Inc.), and Counterspy (Schutter Candy Co.).

### **Breaking Precedent**

ABC has been a pioneer in the industry since it attained its independence. Last spring, it produced a full-hour, five-afternoon program called the *Paul Whiteman Club*, with Mr. P. W. himself and the best, the most varied, and the gayest popular recordings to be found anywhere in the country. But before anyone could settle down for a long sustaining pull, the *Paul Whiteman Club* was a complete sell-out. On June 30, Whiteman took the air with a full quartet of sponsors—the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, National Biscuit Company, Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Sales Company Inc., and Nestle's Milk Products. Effect of the *Paul Whiteman Club* was that it hung up a record for the largest time sale in the history of radio even before it hit the microphone.

In the children's field there is Terry and the Pirates (Quaker Oats) followed by two popular daily quarter-hour features, Jack Armstrong (General Mills) and Sky King (Derby Foods), which were lengthened to half-hour programs heard on alternate days. Thus giving children

the benefit of a full-length feature in the afternoon.

# Saturday's Children

The favorite prize-winner, Land of the Lost, returned to ABC on Saturday mornings this year under the sponsorship of Bosco and the guidance of Isabel Manning Hewson. There are 9,000 Land of the Lost

clubs in the United States and Canada. The unusual undercurrent of satire about the week's events is said to have parents eavesdropping.

The new Abbott and Costello Kid Show on Saturdays is the latest and zaniest children's event on the air. A and C are masters of ceremonies and give away a \$1000 bond every week to the boy who has performed the best deed of the week in combatting juvenile delinquency.

## **Princess and People**

The decade's most famous romance was reported by radio direct from Westminster Abbey during November, when Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, were married by the Archbishop of Canterbury. All over America listeners arose at dawn to hear this colorful pageant. ABC, with other reporters, joined that royal setting to describe the details of the medieval ceremony, and to bring the voices of the principals to listeners in this country.

ABC, in realistic reporting, also took America inside the Washington hearing rooms for documented questions-and-answers in three highly charged Congressional hearings: those of the Un-American Activities Committee, the Howard Hughes investigation, and the Coal Mine investigations. Hours and days of testimony were recorded, then edited and broadcast over ABC for the nation to appraise the participants by direct contact with their voices as they appeared.

Pauline Frederick got the exclusive over ABC of James F. Byrnes on the eve of the publication of "Speaking Frankly." In another mood, Walter Kiernan split the air with laughter when he interviewed people at large about the flying saucers during a July heatwave.

Headline Edition, ABC's nightly news feature, brought the leaders of the United Nations Assembly, including all United States delegates, to the microphone during the year. And the series, UN General Assembly Proceedings, conducted by Gordon Fraser, comprised a weekly review of recorded highlights of Lake Success.

In spot news, there was the Texas City disaster, vividly described from the first bulletin to the last curl of smoke that rose from the embers of a destroyed community. Forest fires, raging across New England and New York State, were caught and described through ABC microphones. The heroic rescue by the Coast Guard cutter Bibbe was relayed to America as the ill-fated Bermuda Sky Queen sank in mid-Atlantic.

# Freedom of Speech

It happens constantly at ABC, but the most dramatic example of the equality of opportunity to bring controversial issues before the people was afforded during the debate preceding passage of the Taft-Hartley legislation. The American Broadcasting Company believes that qualified disputants in such a major issue should not be inhibited in voicing their opinions via radio. So it was that advocates of each side were given the opportunity to use ABC facilities—both free and paid—to argue the merits of the case. Thus, commentators of varying viewpoints were supplemented by people directly on the firing line of the dispute, for the most informative and well-balanced coverage given by any mass medium of communication.

### Comment ...

The Taft-Hartley broadcasts were, however, no isolated instance. ABC from its inception has believed in giving the broadest latitude to commentators presented over its facilities. As a result, the network has built a series of commentary broadcasts unique in the radio industry. Many shades of opinion are regularly presented.

The ABC news schedule offers both variety and range of presentation, including commentators whose personal interpretations vary among liberal, middle-of-the-road and conservative leanings. They include the dynamic expressions of Walter Winchell, whose activities on behalf of the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund received wide recognition, and of Drew Pearson whose idea for a Friendship Train dramatized the need to aid Europe with food shipments; the Washington comments of Elmer Davis, Martin Agronsky, H. R. Baukhage, Joseph Alsop and Raymond Swing; the weekly analysis of the news by Erwin Canham, Editor of the Christian Science Monitor, and by Sam Pettengill; and the day to day coverage of such New York news gatherers as Walter Kiernan, George Hicks and Gordon Fraser. The Hollywood and New York movie and theatrical "beats" are covered by such famed columnists as Louella Parsons, Jimmy Fidler and Dorothy Kilgallen.

In addition, ABC's "Headline Edition" brings to the ABC microphone five times a week the "people who make the news," so that listeners may learn directly from those who participate in important national and international events what is going on in this country and throughout the world. ABC maintains a staff of 32 foreign correspondents located in Paris, London, Rome, Berlin, Moscow, Tokyo and other foreign capitals throughout the world. These correspondents regularly present interpretive reporting on happenings outside the country.

Through its "News of Tomorow" this staff of reporters, together with reporters in the leading cities of this country, keep listeners up-to-date on the daily happenings.

ABC's news objective is to supply impartial and factual information supplemented by interpretations of news commentators whose political and economic thinking varies to include the various shades of American public opinion.

Supplementing its factual news and commentator coverage, ABC, during the year, apportioned time for divergent viewpoints on public issues. In addition to making available to the two largest labor organizations and the two largest management organizations weekly time for the presentation of their views, ABC also sold time during the year to the American Federation of Labor, to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, for its weekly news commentary by Dorothy Fuldheim, and to other groups for discussion of controversial issues.

# On the Playing Fields

Football . . . fights . . . golf . . . racing—the best of them during 1947 were heard over the ABC microphone.

Sports Director Harry Wismer had the ear of gridiron fans every Saturday with his top-notch attraction, the "Game of the Week," sponsored by the United States Army Recruiting Service. His New Year's holiday was a working day in the Sugar Bowl football classic between Alabama and Texas. And to round out the gridiron picture, ABC in the closing month of the year presented an exclusive broadcast of the National Professional Football League championship game, sponsored by General Mills and Wilson Sporting Goods.

The greatest prize ring in the world is the ABC network. Every Friday evening, for major pugilistic encounters, its microphones are at Madison Square Garden. And when, in December of 1947, Joe Louis undertook the defense of his world heavyweight championship against Jersey Joe Walcott, it was ABC, with the sponsorship of the Gillette

Safety Razor Company, which carried the spectacular description of that encounter to the nation. And, by no means incidently, it racked up a Hooperating of 41.5 for the broadcast, the highest Hooper for any single broadcast of the past year.

Every day isn't a day of world championship decisions, however, and ABC recognizes this. So, to keep sport fans constantly abreast of the day-to-day developments in the world of sport, Joe Hasel nightly is on hand with the last minute news from the ring, the rink, the diamond, the gridiron, the links, the tennis court, the track.

ABC looks back on its sports coverage with a justified feeling of satisfaction. It was over our network that the Gillette Safety Razor Company brought to its listeners the 1947 Open Golf Championship and the 47th U. S. Amateur Tournament. ABC carried the NCAA basketball championship; and the time-honored Jamaica and Belmont handicaps on the turf.

### Two on the Aisle

Show business had its most successful ABC season during the past twelve months. On top of the resumption of Bing Crosby (Philco) came a shower of sparkling names: Lionel Barrymore for Noxzema; Abbott and Costello, the zany cooperative team; Vox Pop (American Express); Groucho Marx for Elgin-American; Jack Paar for American Tobacco; Henry Morgan for Eversharp; The Texaco Star Theatre with Tony Martin, Evelyn Knight and Allan Young sponsored by the Texas Company; these were the powerhouse of Wednesday evening entertainers.

Sunday boasted Drew Pearson (Lee Hats); Monday Morning Headlines (Air Wick); The Greatest Story Ever Told (Goodyear); Child's World, the remarkable x-ray of the juvenile mind at work; Exploring the Unknown, prizewinning drama of science; the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (Reichhold Chemicals); Walter Winchell and Louella Parsons (Jergens-Woodbury); The Theatre Guild on the Air (United States

Steel Corporation), and Jimmy Fidler (Carter Products).

Friday's parade includes the distinguished This Is Your FBI (Equitable Life Assurance Society), officially sanctioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a convincing deterrent to crime. Break the Bank (Bristol-Myers Company) is one of the most popular audience participation shows in radio, and holds the keystone position in the Friday schedule. The Lone Ranger, perennial favorite of the children, con-

tinues under the General Mills banner (it is now teamed with the Green Hornet for the same sponsor). The Fat Man (Norwich Pharmacal Company) and The Sheriff (Pacific Coast Borax Company) plus the Gillette Safety Razor Company's boxing bouts complete an evening of excit-

ing entertainment.

And the ever-changing pattern of radio has dotted 1947's schedule with new ideas, new formulas, new names. Mr. President, the weekly guess-who built around the events in White House careers, stars Edward Arnold. Candid Microphone, produced by Allen Funt, tiptoes into strange living rooms, court rooms, barber shops, and blind alleys to record the amusing reactions to embarrassment, praise, practical jokes, inquiries or insults at the hands of Mr. Funt. Likewise, the Tales of Willie Piper (General Electric), on Thursdays, is a new show to radio -one that portrays, with great warmth, the problems of a young and happily married couple. And on the same evening, Darts for Dough (Doctor Pepper) continues its popular appeal. The Saturday evening programs maintain great popularity. Famous Jury Trials (General Mills) followed by the hard-hitting chronicle of racket busting, Gangbusters ( L. E. Waterman Company) have two 1947 additions to keep them company: Murder and Mr. Malone (Wine Growers Guild) and Professor Quiz (American Oil Company). Opie Cates, the wide-eyed boy from Arkansas, is a new discovery of 1947 at ABC; and Paul Whiteman's On Stage, America (National Guard) searches for that elusive commodity of the entertainment world, new talent.

# Then There is Tuesday ...

In all radio there is no more distinguished evening than Tuesday on ABC. 1947 brought a bold experiment in the form of an entire evening devoted to a succession of programs designed to appeal to the grey-matter of the nation's radio audience. Here are the incomparable Boston Symphony Orchestra under its conductor, Serge Koussevitzky; America's Town Meeting of the Air; Erwin S. Canham, editor of the "Christian Science Monitor"; Youth Asks the Government, the spirited panel of teen-agers who question government officials and neither ask nor give any quarter; Labor, U.S.A., produced alternately by the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations; and Let Freedom Ring, produced alternately by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

# Thermometer Department

Throughout the hours of the network day there are people who make a business of taking our temperature to test relative popularity of programs. During 1947, those peripatetic folk handed us a set of charts which appear to prove that the patient is growing stronger by the year.

For instance, ABC's popular morning programs from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon had, by November, a 28.7 per cent share of the listening audience according to the Hooperating. For the last four years ABC has been first among all networks in the average morning rating, and it has had the highest average of all Hooperated morning programs on the air.

Another dramatic rise was enjoyed by the *Theatre Guild on the Air*, which this season has reached the prominence which it deserves. In November the production of Eugene O'Neill's "The Straw", which starred Robert Mitchum and Mary Anderson, received a rating of 12.7, which was 36.5 per cent of the listening audience.

The recent heavyweight championship bout betwen Joe Louis and Jersey Joe Walcott turned in an average rating of 41.5, which represented 80.2 per cent of all sets in use at that time.

But a fact that does not appear in statistics did come to light during a survey conducted for the *Greatest Story Ever Told*, which portrays inspiring dramas of the New Testament. A listener not only stated his enthusiasm for the program, but reported that an automobile thief in his community tuned in the radio of a stolen car and, confronted by this moving program, returned the car and gave himself up to the authorities.

### ... Over These Same Stations

More and more of the country's leading markets have become a part of "these same stations" that announcers talk about. For example, today ABC has 265 affiliated stations in the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Hawaii; and their total power is 1,045,700 watts. Only four years ago there were but 160 stations with a total of 469,800 watts. This year ABC will have eleven stations with 50,000 watts of power. The network today owns five great stations instead of its original three. The following table gives some idea of the 38 improvements in ABC facilities during 1947 and early 1948.

# **ABC Improvements**

**SINCE JAN. 1, 1947** 

		Mkt.		
Station	City & State	Rk.	Improvements	Date
WAYS	Charlotte, N. C.	93	From 1000 w to 1000-5000 w	2-1-47
WSPR	Springfield, Mass.	37	From 500 w to 1000 w	2-4-47
KSWO	Lawton, Okla.		From 250 w (D)-1150 k to	1 12 17
TATE ATAT	Lawrence, Mass	5	1000 w 1380 k From 5000 w to 50,000 w	4-13-47
VV LIIVV	Lawrence, Wass	(Pt. of	The second secon	1-20-17
KVOS	Bellingham, Washingto		From 250 w to 1000 w	5-24-47
KGKL	San Angelo, Texas	216	From 250 w 16 1000 w	J-27-71
	cuit rangerey a crist		960 k	6-2-47
WSLI	Jackson, Miss.	124	From 250 w 1450 k to 5000 w	
MADEE	Cl T	0/	930 k	7-5-47
WDEF	Chattanooga, Tenn.	86	From 250 w 1400 k to 1000 w 1370 k	7-17-47
KALB	Alexandria, La.	247	From 1000 w to 1000-5000 w	9-2-47
WPDO	Jacksonville, Fla.	66	From 1270 k to 600 k	9-4-47
KCMO	Kansas City, Mo.	21	From 5000 w 1480 k to	
TTTS FDG	1. 1		10,000 w 810 k	9-9-47
WMPS	Memphis, Tenn.	45	From 500 w 1460 k to 5000 w 680 k	9-21-47
WELI	New Haven, Conn.	29	From 500 w to 1000 w	10-3-47
KFSA	Ft. Smith, Ark.	225	From 1000 w (D) to	10 5 17
			500-1000 w	10-8-47
WBEC	Pittsfield, Mass.	144		10-19-47
MRIM	Danville, Va.	220	From 250 w 1400 k to	11 15 47
KGHI	Little Rock, Ark.	102	1000 w 1330 k From 250 w 1230 k to 500 w	11-15-47
110111	Little Hock, 211K.	102	1250 k	12-1-47
KGO	San Francisco, Calif.	7	From 7500 w to 50,000 w	12-1-47
WFIL	Philadelphia, Pa.	4		12-15-47
WMFD	Wilmington, N. C.	221	From 250 w 1400 K to	10 15 47
WKBZ	Muskegon, Mich.	172	1000 w 630 k From 250 w 1490 k to 1000 w	12-15-47
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WREN	Topeka, Kans.		From 1000 w to 5000 w-	
TYTOTY	N7 C 11 Y7			12-15-47
WGH	Norfolk, Va.	42	From 250 w 1340 k to	1 1 40
KEX	Portland, Ore.	19	5000 w 1310 k From 5000 w to 50,000 w	1-1-48
KGA	Spokane, Washington	71	From 10,000 w to 50,000 w	1-1-48
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			Under Construction Probal	ble Date
WAGE	Syracuse, N. Y.	59	From 1000 w to 5000 w	2-1-48
KFDM	Beaumont, Texas	98	From 1000 w to 5000 w	2-1-48
KOME	Tulsa, Okla.	76	From 250 w 1340 k to	2 7 40
			1000 w 1300 k	3-1-48

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Station	City & State	Rk.	Under Construction Proba	ble Date
KTOK	Oklahoma City, Okla	. 55	From 250 w 1400 k to	
WLVA	Lynchburg, Va.	195	1000 w 1000 k From 250 w 1230 k to	4-1-48
WLVA	Lynchburg, va.	199	1000 w 590 k	4-1-48
WSLS	Roanoke, Va.	111	From 250 w 1240 k to	
**** **			1000 w 610 k	4-1-48
WLAP	Lexington, Ky.	120	From 250 w 1450 k to	4 7 40
WFMI	V Ol:	38	1000 w 630 k	4-1-48
WFIVI	Youngstown, Ohio	30	From 250 w 1450 k to 5000 w 1390 k	6-1-48
KFBK	Sacramento, Calif.	69	From 10,000 w to 50,000 w	6-1-48
KGEM	Boise, Idaho	189	From 250 w 1340 k to	01.0
			10,000 w 1140 k	6-1-48
WMFF	Plattsburgh, N. Y.		From 250 w 1340 k to 1000 w	
XXXXXX	Y . 30.1		960 k	9-1-48
WJIM	Lansing, Mich.	92	From 250 w 1240 k to 1000 w	10 1 40
KEIO	Pocatello, Idaho		550 k From 250 w 1450 k to 500 w	10-1-48
ILLIO	i ocateno, Idano		1440 k	11-1-48
		(D)-Day	Only.	

Go where the people are. That is the guiding precept of ABC's station expansion policy. In the next table are shown the markets added during 1947 and about to join, all of which are among the top 300 markets in America:

### **ABC Station Additions**

Since Jan. 1, 1947

Station	City & State	Mkt. Rk.	Power	Freq.	Date
WKNA	Charleston, W. Va.	94	1,000	950	1-9-47
KIFI	Idaho Falls, Ida.		250	1400	1-10-47
KTRC	Sante Fe, N. Mex.		250	1400	1-15-47
KCOY	Santa Maria, Calif.		250	1400	1-17-47
WHAN	Charleston, S. C.	113	250	1340	1-19-47
KHUM	Eureka, Calif.	272	250	1240	1-26-47
WGAT (D)	Utica, N. Y.	80	250	1100	1-31-47
WILK	Wilkes Barre, Pa.	31	250	1450	2-13-47
KOPO	Tucson, Ariz.	153	250	1450	2-27-47
WGLN	Glens Falls, N. Y.		100	1230	3-15-47
WBEC	Pittsfield, Mass.	144	100	1490	3-25-47
WRRZ (D)	Clinton, N. C.		1,000	880	4-5-47
WELM	Elmira, N. Y.	170	250	1400	4-20-47
WDIG	Dothan, Ala.		250	1450	5-1-47
WGNH	Gadsden, Ala.	233	250	1400	5-15-47
WAPX	Montgomery, Ala.	137	1,000	1600	5-28-47

Station	City & State	Rk.	Power	Freq.	Date
WRTA	Altoona, Pa.	114	250	1240	6-18-47
WDUZ	Green Bay, Wisc.	147	250	1400	6-19-47
WLCX	LaCrosse, Wisc.	192	250	1490	7-1-47
WARK	Hagerstown, Md.	202	250	1490	7-20-47
WGFG	Kalamazoo, Mich.	107	1,000	1360	8-8-47
KIT	Yakima, Washington	142	1,000	1280	9-1-47
WLAM	Lewiston, Me.	207	5,000	1470	9-4-47
WCOM	Parkersburg, W. Va.	241	250	1230	9-6-47
KRAL	Rawlins, Wyo.		250	1240	9-9-47
WILM	Wilmington, Del.	53	250	1450	9-15-47
WENE	Endicott, N. Y.	103	250	1450	9-18-47
WGUY	Bangor, Me.	206	250	1490	9-20-47
WHBC	Canton, Ohio	64	5,000	1480	9-28-47
WCRO	Johnstown, Pa.	90	250	1230	9-30-47
WHRV	Ann Arbor, Mich	155	1,000	1600	10-5-47
KFRE	Fresno, Calif.	63	250	1340	10-15-47
KFSA	Ft. Smith, Ark.	225	500	950	11-1-47
WARC	Rochester, N. Y.	40	1,000	950	11-12-47
KWRN	Reno, Nev.	143	250	1490	11-26-47
KFDX	Wichita Falls, Texas	150	1,000	990	12-8-47
KEPO	El Paso, Texas	115	5,000	690	12-15-47
WIRL	Peoria, Ill.	70	5,000	1290	1-1-48
WTHI	Terre Haute, Ind.	117	1,000	1480	1-1-48
KFGO	Fargo, N. D.	188	5,000	790	1-1-48
	(D)-Day Only.				
FUTURE ADDITIONS					
WNAO	Raleigh, N. C.	181	5,000	850	2-1-48
WISC	Madison, Wisc.	95	1,000	1480	2-1-48
KOPR	Butte, Mont.	171	1,000	550	3-1-48
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# **ABC Station Replacements**

Since Jan. 1, 1947

Station	City & State	Mkt. Rk.	Power	Freq.	Date
WFAA	Dallas, Texas	27	5,000	570	4-27-47
WKWK	Wheeling, W. Va.	91	250	1450	6-15-47
WOAM	Miami, Fla.	39	1,000	560	6-15-47
KITO	San Bernardino, Calif.	130	1,000	1290	11-15-47
WHOO	Orlando, Fla.	138	5,000	990	12-5-47
WCON	Atlanta, Ga.	28	5,000	550	12-15-47
FUTURE REPLACEMENTS					
WRUN	Utica, N. Y.	80	1000-5000	1150	1-15-48
WRWR	Albany, N. Y. (D)-Day Only.	36	10,000	850	2-1-48

# We Proudly Serve ...

To these millions of listeners ABC rendered, in 1947, a still more challenging array of public interest programs.

In the documentary field a daring keynote was sounded with *Slums I* and *Slums II*, a shocking tale told by actual slum-dwellers in their tenements; followed by the three-cornered debating of slum clearance experts under the chairmanship of Charles P. Taft.

1960? Jiminy Cricket! struck out into new fields of the broadcasting art to predict the national economy in 1960, as seen through the fantastic eyes, and songs, of Walt Disney's Jiminy Cricket, Donald Duck, and the Seven Dwarfs. The musical hour was based in part on the findings of the Twentieth Century Fund as published this year in "America's Needs and Resources, 1950-1960."

School Teacher—1947 inquired, through the course of three programs, into public education, and blueprinted the experience of Minneapolis in meeting and solving the problem.

World Security Workshop, in its second year, featured a series of panel discussions led by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who invited leading delegates to the United Nations Assembly as her Sunday guests. Following adjournment of the Assembly, the Workshop was drastically redesigned to be a trial court for world issues. Columbia University students of law and international affairs, led by a professor in the law school, prepared and tried major world questions before the jury of radio listeners.

Youth Asks the Government, referred to above, takes the audience into affairs of state and lets such statesmen as Senator Joseph H. Ball and Senator Warren G. Magnuson be subjected to the questions of bright, young high school students.

Are These Our Children?, devoting itself to dramatic studies in the field of juvenile delinquency, now features such leaders in child welfare and penology as Judge Anna Kross, Edward Lucas and Harold S. Strong to summarize the cases and make recommendations to listening parents.

Child's World, another entirely original experiment in radio as well as child psychology, brings the unrehearsed and spontaneous conversation of children with Helen Parkhurst, noted educator, on such topics as "Prejudices," "God," "Ambitions," "Radio," "Lying" and the other problems which confront children and parents with equal perplexity.

This 1947 addition carries with it, as a helpful guide to parents, a printed commentary by the celebrated psychologist, Lawrence K. Frank.

America's Town Meeting of the Air enjoyed an increased audience when it moved to Tuesday evening. The November Hooperating read 6.8 for the question, "How Should We Meet the Threat of the New Comintern?"

Theatre Guild on the Air has, during 1947, reached new peaks of popularity with dramas ranging from "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," starring Raymond Massey, to "Macbeth" starring Maurice Evans and Judith Anderson. Likewise, listeners heard the Boston and Detroit Symphonies, the latter having featured Miss Margaret Truman in her public debut last spring, and a \$25,000 first prize for outstanding composition, awarded by Henry H. Reichhold.

The Greatest Story Ever Told, another program serving seriousminded listeners, has won for its sponsor, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, wide praise for its beautifully conceived dramatizations of

the New Testament stories.

The Metropolitan Opera broadcasts, afforded by the Texas Company each Saturday afternoon, continued to reach an audience of millions of music lovers.

This Is Your FBI won greater plaudits for its sponsor, the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and for the network by its relentless exposure

of crime and its consistent theme of public service.

For farmers and their families, *The American Farmer* ranges from the potato fields of Maine to the orchards of California and the Northwest to discover and discuss the newest activities and processes in agriculture. The U. S. Department of Agriculture works closely with ABC in supplying facts, figures, methods and advice to rural America.

# **Telling People**

In 1947 ABC continued to be the only network doing national mass advertising through other than its own facilities. The use of full pages in the Saturday Evening Post was continued on a consistent basis, and

to this was added a schedule in Life.

In the fall of the year, ABC launched a nationwide program of standardized highway signs whereby local stations will more readily be identified as outlets of the network. The cost of this project, which will probably amount to a quarter of a million dollars a year, is being borne by the stations themselves.

# **Showing People**

ABC, naturally, is concerned that advertisers using its facilities should enjoy a full measure of success. To that end, the network constantly strives to improve its service to the advertiser and to stimulate its independent, affiliated stations along the same lines. During the year, the network furnished its affiliates with many aids toward this objective. Planned, practical, comprehensive kits of publicity, promotion and advertising materials were serviced regularly to the network's affiliates during the year, embracing suggested advertisements, car and window cards, announcements, direct mail promotion, photographs, matrices and mimeographed publicity releases.

In addition, in a number of cases the network collaborated directly with affiliates in promoting local appearances of network broadcast programs, as in the case of the tour of Tom Breneman's "Breakfast in Hollywood and local appearances of Don McNeill and the Breakfast Club.

The cumulative effect of this activity is another way which ABC is using to carve out a greater future for radio broadcasting.

# New York's First Station — 50,000 Watts of WJZ

As 1947 closed, high spots in WJZ activity should be noted. Tom Breneman brought his famous *Breakfast In Hollywood* to Madison Square Garden in October and filled the great auditorium with nearly 18,000 fans who paid a dollar each to see this famous network program. The profits were donated to the Damon Runyon Memorial Cancer Fund.

During the winter and spring seasons, WJZ launched the outspoken dramatic series, Searchlight on the Schools, which reported to the people on the investigation of the New York City public schools, conducted by the Public Education Association. Further, in the field of public service, WJZ is now launching a newly-designed daily farm program beginning at 6:00 AM and containing latest market information for the 700,000 farms in WJZ's area. Phil Alampi, the station's farm editor, will conduct the new venture.

WJZ is now arranging a series of intercollegiate debates among colleges and universities in this region. Topics will be primarily those of domestic and international importance.

### WXYZ - Detroit

1947 was a banner year for WXYZ with the presentation of numerous new public service projects. A new series "Down Our Street," scheduled to run 52 weeks, was inaugurated for the purpose of eliminating many dull talks and interviews for community campaigns. Each broadcast dramatizes a heart-warming episode of current community interest. The "School Music Hour," Detroit's first school program, completed its tenth year while "Quizdown," presented in cooperation with the Detroit public and parochial schools and the Detroit Free Press, ended its third year.

"Variety Club Special," a 15-minute dramatized show written and produced by WXYZ to assist a special cancer drive, was so impressive that it was presented at the Variety Club's national convention in Los Angeles. Through a series of four programs directed to bicycle safety, WXYZ enlisted the support and cooperation of the Detroit Free Press, the Accident Prevention Bureau of the Detroit Police Department, and the Detroit school board to inaugurate bicycle safety clubs in the schools.

An important addition to the WXYZ staff was Ross Mulholland, Detroit's No. 1 disc jockey. This daily program, the "Barefoot Society," has brought to WXYZ a sharp increase in national and local participat-

ing business.

An addition to WXYZ's network originating shows, another long time local, "Challenge of the Yukon," in the same class with the "Lone Ranger" and the "Green Hornet," made its debut as a network program in June 1947.

"Sandlotters," the oldest sustaining program on the station, became sponsored and awarded two \$1,000 scholarshops to Detroit's most de-

serving and scholarly athletes.

Sales at WXYZ jumped during 1947 with twenty-six new program accounts. Local and spot sales included 103 new accounts.

### KGO — San Francisco

The most important chapter in KGO's 24-year history was written during 1947 with the opening December 1st of KGO's new, ultramodern 50,000 watt transmitter. With transmitting facilities second to

none in the nation, KGO is again famous for its power—as it was when it pioneered on January 8, 1924, as a 1,000-watter.

California Governor Earl Warren, Tom Breneman and Edward J. Noble, ABC Chairman, opened the new transmitter on Monday, December 1st. In the evening Governor Warren, Mr. Noble and William Gargan appeared on KGO's coast-to-coast inaugural half hour. Dozens of special programs observed the event throughout the week, and two premiere evening half hours were produced for the ABC Pacific network.

The 50,000 watt promotion campaign was larger than any ever conducted in Northern California, featuring advertisements in thirty metropolitan newspapers, an eight-page magazine supplement in the San Francisco Chronicle, direct mail pieces, and an experimental sales presentation in the form of a melodrama that aroused great interest in the advertising trade.

The Program Department continued originating programs for network use throughout 1947, the highlight being Ohio State University's first place award to "Are These Are Children?," KGO's transcontinental half hour drama designed to fight juvenile delinquency.

In addition, more than 25 local live programs were built for sale,

of which seven now have sponsors.

Another highlight of 1947 was the National Headliner Medal of Merit award to KGO chief announcer John Galbraith for his on-the-

spot wire-recorded description of the Alcatraz Prison riot.

Sales activity during 1947 continued at a brisk pace with development of ten new local program sponsors and the largest sales including three evening half hours, five weekday strips, and renewal of the transcontinental "Murder and Mr. Malone" for Wine Growers Guild. With the sale of 10:00 to 10:30 PM Wednesdays to Sherman Clay & Company for Alan Ladd's "Box 13," the station is attempting to set a western precedent for "vertical half hour programming" during the latter part of the evening.

# WENR — Windy City

Two outstanding contributions in the way of new commercial programs are "Wanted: A Place to Live," a public service program which has attracted national attention not only in the field of radio but in the press generally; and "The House that Music Built," sponsored by Lyon and Healy, an 83-year old institution making their first radio effort.

WENR facilities and talent were selected as being in complete keeping

with the dignity and ideals of Lyon and Healy.

WENR also instituted a novel idea in recorded shows with the program, "College Inn Platter Party." While the music originates in our studios, the commercials are done by a master of ceremonies from the College Inn and timed and fitted into a sequence which has made this local participation show outstanding among all similar local programs.

There has been a general upsurge of Hooperatings on all WENR

programs due to a well coordinated promotion effort.

# KECA — Los Angeles

Perhaps KECA's most spectacular public interest program was the "Ribbon of Dimes" presented in cooperation with the Hollywood Citizen-News to swell the fund for infantile paralysis victims. From 6:00 AM to 10:30 PM it went on and, when it was over, the ribbon extending from Sunset to Hollywood and back again on Vine Street contained 92,000 dimes contributed by an estimated crowd of 50,000 citizens of this place called Hollywood. The "Ribbon of Dimes" took place in January, and it is to be an annual event at KECA.

During the year, KECA produced and presented several other outstanding programs in the public interest. "Prevention Preferred," a weekly series produced in cooperation with the Parent Teachers Association, encouraged parents to have children periodically checked to

prevent sickness and disease.

Several weeks before public schools were dismissed, KECA put underway a plan to help combat juvenile delinquency. This was "Jobs for Juniors," a half hour program built along the lines of "Jobs for GI's," a KECA offering which received national recognition last year. The program was based on the premise that a working juvenile keeps out of trouble. The Los Angeles Board of Education and PTA Councils all supported it, resulting in the placement of thousands of students in temporary as well as permanent employment.

During June, the station inaugurated a new series of quarter hour narratives entitled "The American Tradition." The program exemplified the purpose and meaning of current holidays, observances and com-

memorations in the public interest.

For the second year, KECA aided the Atwater Kent Foundation by soliciting and presenting the winners of the auditions of non-professional singers. The promotion started in January and ended in May, with local and regional broadcasts and a final transcontinental broadcast of the winners. \$15,000 in cash prizes, awarded by Atwater Kent, went to the ten winners.

National spot and local sales for 1947 reflected an increase of approx-

imately 22% over 1946.

KÉCA won three promotion awards during the year: The Billboard Award for Single Campaign among National Channel Network Affiliates; the City College of New York Award of Merit for the Most effective Promotion of a Sponsored Radio Program; and the Union Pharmaceutical Company Award.

## Cooperative Success

During 1947 more than 700 sponsors throughout the country were a part of ABC's cooperative programs, which became a major enterprise. Great names in entertainment, news and culture have joined the plan, including America's Town Meeting of the Air, currently the highest rated forum program on the air; Abbott and Costello; Nancy Craig; Headline Edition, the nightly news report; Harry Wismer's Sports Commentary; Dick Tracy; H. R. Baukhage; Martin Agronsky; Elmer Davis; and Ethel and Albert.

Beginning in January, 1948, the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra under Serge Koussevitzky becomes a cooperative program available for sponsorship over each of ABC's local stations. Another major addition to this schedule will be Edward Arnold starring in Mr. President, the program which has created wide interest in the history of the

White House.

Billing in the Cooperative activity is running at the rate of more than \$1,000,000, and 528 salesmen in 202 ABC stations were active in its success.

### **Television**

The eyes of radio turned more and more toward television during 1947 when the medium first began to manifest the extent of its full potential. ABC has been granted construction permits for television stations in New York, Detroit, Chicago, Hollywood, and San Francisco. Excellent transmitter sites have already been obtained in four of these cities: on famed Mount Wilson for KECA-TV, Hollywood; the hilltop

estate of Adolph Sutro for KGO-TV, San Francisco; the Civic Opera Building in Chicago, for WENR-TV; and the Maccabees Building in Detroit for WDLT. At the turn of the year final negotiations were well under way for use of one of New York's tallest midtown buildings for ABC television and FM facilities serving the New York area. In all five cities, ABC will operate on Television Channel Number 7. Actual television operations are planned during 1948.

In television programming, emphasis was put on the development of remote pickup techniques. With a view toward developing a system of national news gathering for television, ABC in cooperation with the Eastman Kodak Company, on April 8, 1947, staged the first public demonstration of the use of fast film processing for presenting a news

telecast.

ABC also went forward with research in the field of the documentary film and, with the cooperation of the Automobile Manufacturers Association and the Automotive Safety Foundation, produced and presented two documentary films dealing with the automotive industry.

In the field of education, ABC launched the first accredited television course at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, and supervised its entire operation through two semesters. The network also organized television seminars with guest lecturers for the American Theatre Wing and has acted as consultant in designing the curriculum for television courses at American University, Washington, D. C.

While live programming experimentation gave way during the year to the more necessary engineering investigation, ABC has continued its exploration of program content and techniques and expects to be in a strong program position for the launching of telecasting over our own facilities as soon as the necessary construction at the sites is completed.

# **Frequency Modulation**

The year 1947 brought ABC two additional permits for network-owned FM stations. The total is now five, which includes New York, Dertoit, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Of these, KGO-FM in San Francisco is already in operation; and the Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles stations are expected to commence operation by January, 1948. The new York station, WJZ-FM, which was authorized late in 1947, is expected to commence operation in early 1948. By the first December, 1947, 148 ABC affiliates had been granted FM licenses, and 48 of these were already authorized to commence actual operations.

## They Also Served

Organizations Which Cooperated With ABC in 1947 Programs

Academy of Motion Picture
Arts and Sciences
American Association of
University Women
American Cancer Society
American Council of
Christian Churches
American Federation of Labor
American Legion
American Medical Association
American National Red Cross
Bishops' Relief Committee
Boston Conference on Distribution
Boy Scouts of America

Catholic Charities
Centenary International Philatelic
Exposition
Citizens' Food Committee
Community Chests of America
Congress of Industrial Organizations
Democratic National Committee

Alfred I Du Pont Awards Committee
Federal Council of Churches
Fifty Two Association
Foreign Mission Conference of
North America
Foreign Policy Association of
Philadelphia

Greek War Relief Association

International Chamber of Commerce (U. S. Associates of) International Telecommunications Conference

Joint Committee for Equal Rights Junior Chamber of Commerce

Metropolitan Opera Guild

National Association of Evangelicals
National Association of Manufacturers
National Cancer Foundation
National Catholic Welfare Conference
National Conference of Christians
and Jews
National Council of Catholic Men
National Education Association
National Federation of Music Clubs
National Foundation for Infantile
Paralysis
National Jewish Welfare Board
National Safety Council
Negro Publishers Association
New York Herald Tribune

Overseas Press Club

Public Education Association Republican National Committee Damon Runyon Memorial Fund

Salvation Army Socialist Labor Party Socialist Party

Thirty-fifth Division Association

United Jewish Appeal United Negro College Fund U. S. Army U. S. Army Air Forces

U. S. Chamber of Commerce U. S. Navy Department United World Federalists

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Woodrow Wilson Foundation

Young Men's Christian Association Young Women's Christian Association

### Awards

The following is a partial list of awards received by ABC, its program personalities, and its affiliated stations during 1947:

### George Foster Peabody Radio Awards

Hiroshima—Special citation in the Outstanding Education Program category for the radio adaptation of John Hersey's story.

Henry Morgan—Special citation for outstanding entertainment in drama.

Station WELL (an ABC affiliate)—for outstanding public service by a local station, through its forum program, Our Town.

#### Alfred I DuPont Award

Elmer Davis, "for meritorious public service performed through the medium of radio."

### Institute For Education By Radio (Ohio State University)

ABC led all other networks in first place citations for network educational programming with five first awards and two honorable mentions:

Theatre Guild on the Air Are These Our Children? Raymond Swing

World Security Workshop

To ABC "marching beside the headlines instead of marching behind them, as exemplified by School Teacher — 1947 and Hiro-

Honorable Mentions were:

shima."

America's Town Meeting of the Air

Youth Asks the Government Teen Agers

Cultural

Personal and Social Problems

News Interpretation

Furthering International Understanding

Special One-Time Broadcasts

Presenting Public Issues

### College of the City of New York Second Annual Radio and

A plaque, the highest award, for outstanding achievement in program and/or promotion, regardless of category went to:

ABC —Class: National Radio Networks

WFIL (an ABC affiliate) -Class: 500 to 1,000 Watt Radio Stations

#### Awards of Merit Went to:

**Business Conference Awards** 

ABC--for creation of most effective direct-selling, sponsored radio program (Henry Morgan Show)

ABC-for creation of most effective public service radio program (Hiroshima)

WFIL—for creation of most effective direct-selling, sponsored radio program (Teen Age Time)

-for most effective promotion of a sponsored radio program

(Louis-Conn Fight)

KECA-for most effective promotion of a sponsored radio program (Philco Radio Time with Bing Crosby.)

#### Honorable Mentions Went to:

WING-for unusually effective all-over station promotion

KXOK—for unusually effective promotion of a sponsored radio program (Rush Hughes)

### Twelfth Annual Radio Poll Conducted By Motion Picture Daily

Bing Crosby-Best Popular Male Vocalist, Best Master of Ceremonies, Film Personality Most Effective in Radio.

Henry Morgan Theatre Guild on the Air Boston Symphony Orchestra Land of the Lost

### Billboard Magazine's 16th Annual Poll

Hiroshima—outstanding single broadcast of the year outstanding network public service program of 1946
Bing Crosby—favorite male vocalist
Theatre Guild on the Air—favorite dramatic program
Henry Morgan—radio's outstanding new star

#### Musical America's Fourth Radio Poll

Boston Symphony Orchestra — outstanding symphony orchestra Metropolitan Opera Intermission Features—best script material Tristan und Isolde—best broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera (a classification within itself)

Milton Cross—outstanding announcer and commentator (fourth consecutive year)

#### Variety

The Greatest Story Ever Told—Special award in connection with Variety's 14th Annual Radio Showmanagement Survey

#### **One World Award Committee**

F. H. LaGuardia was awarded a round-the-world flight as a representative of the press and radio, for contributions to world understanding through his radio broadcasts.

### Cleveland Plain Dealer's Popularity Poll

Bing Crosby
Henry Morgan
America's Town Meeting of the Air
Greatest Story Ever Told
Theatre Guild on the Air
Detroit Symphony—Sunday Evening Hour

### Council Against Intolerance In America

Drew Pearson—"For his courageous attacks on the Ku Klux Klan culminating in his broadcast last July from the steps of the Georgia capitol."

### **National Safety Council**

American Farmer-for distinguished service to safety

### National Conference of Christians and Jews

Walter Winchell-distinguished merit award for "contributions to national unity and improved inter-group relations."

David Harding, Counterspy-citation

### Schools and Colleges Association Second Annual Awards

Land of the Lost
Theatre Guild on the Air
Exploring the Unknown
Metropolitan Opera
David Harding, Counterspy
Greatest Story Ever Told

### International Council of Religious Education

Greatest Story Ever Told-cited during National Family Week

#### Army Medal of Freedom

Awarded to George Hicks, commentator, by General Dwight D. Eisenhower for especially meritorious achievement serving as a correspondent attached to SHAEF during the invasion and liberation of European territory."

#### **Poor Richard Citation of Merit**

H. R. Baukhage, for "oustanding contributions to radio, journalism and the American public through skillful reporting and lucid interpretation of news during three of the most important decades in history."

#### **National Headliners Club**

John W. Galbraith (Chief Announcer, KGO)—Headliner Medal of Merit for the "oustanding news broadcast of 1946"—description of Alcatraz Prison riot.

#### Des Moines Tribune Annual Poll

Bing Crosby—Champion of Champions
Metropolitan Opera—first, classical music
America's Town Meeting—first, educational forum broadcasts.

### War Safety Committee of the Treasury Department

Award to David Harding, Counterspy for cooperation in war trophy safety campaign.

# Advertisers on ABC During 1947

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Fisher Flouring Mills

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WCON The Constitution Publishing Company WCOP Massachusetts Broadcasting Corporation WCOS Radio Columbia Century Broadcasting Corporation WCBS, Incorporated WCRO WCVS Radio Columbus, Incorporated WDAK WDAR, Incorporated WDEF Broadcasting Company WDAR WDEF WDIG Houston Broadcasters WDSM Ridson, Incorporated Stephens Broadcasting Company WDSU WDUK W. W. Couch Jr., Sam H. Campbell Jr., W. H. Lancaster Jr. WDUZ Green Bay Broadcasting Company WEED William Avera Wynne Berks Broadcasting Company Connecticut Radio Foundation, Incorporated WEEU WELL WELL Federated Publications, Incorporated WELM I. Robert Meachem WEMP Milwaukee Broadcasting Company Empire Newspapers-Radio, Incorporated WENE WENR American Broadcasting Company WFAA A. H. Belo Corporation The Baltimore Radio Show, Incorporated WFBR WFCI Pawtucket Broadcasting Company WFDF Flint Broadcasting Company WFIL Triangle Publications, Incorporated, The Philadelphia Inquirer Division WFMJ Broadcasting Company WFMI Neptune Broadcasting Corporation WFPG

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WFTC Ionas Weiland WFVA Fredericksburg Broadcasting Corporation WGAA The Northwest Georgia Broadcasting Co. WGAC The Twin States Broadcasting Company WGBG Greensboro Broadcasting Company, Inc. WGCM WGCM Broadcasting Company WGFG Southwestern Michigan Broadcasting Co. WGH Hampton Roads Broadcasting Corporation WGLN Glens Falls Publicity Corporation WGNC F. C. Todd WGNH General Newspapers, Incorporated WGUY Portland Broadcasting System, Inc. WHAN Charleston Broadcasting Company WHBC Ohio Broadcasting Company WHBF Rock Island Broadcasting Company WHBL WHBL, Incorporated WHBS The Huntsville Times Company WHBU Anderson Broadcasting Corporation WHDL WHDL, Incorporated WHGB Harrisburg Broadcasting Company WHKY Catawba Valley Broadcasting Company, Inc. WHMA Harry M. Ayers WHOO Orlando Daily Newspapers, Incorporated WHOT South Bend Broadcasting Corporation Huron Valley Broadcasters, Incorporated WHRV WIBM, Incorporated WIBM WILK Wyoming Valley Broadcasting Company Delaware Broadcasting Company WILM WINC Richard Field Lewis Jr. Kentucky Broadcasting Corporation Illinois Valley Broadcasting Company WINN WIRL WISC Radio Wisconsin, Incorporated WISH Capitol Broadcasting Corporation Radio Voice of Springfield, Incorporated WIZE WJBC WJHL Bloomington Broadcasting Corporation WJHL, Incorporated WJIM WJOI WJOY WJTN WJIM, Incorporated Florence Broadcasting Company, Inc. Vermont Broadcasting Corporation James Broadcasting Company WJW WJZ WJW, Incorporated American Broadcasting Company WKBB Dubuque Broadcasting Company WKBW Broadcast Foundation Incorporated WKBZ Ashbacker Radio Corporation WKEY Earl M. Key WKIP Radio Div. Poughkeepsie Newspapers, Inc. WKNA Joe L. Smith Jr. WKWK Community Broadcasting, Incorporated WLAM Lewiston-Auburn Broadcasting Corporation WLAP American Broadcasting Corporation WLAV Leonard A. Versluis

Kinston, N. C. Fredericksburg, Va. Cedartown, Georgia Augusta, Georgia Greensboro, N. C. Gulfport, Miss. Kalamazoo, Mich. Norfolk, Va. Glens Falls, N. Y. Gastonia, N. C. Gadsden, Ala. Bangor, Maine Charleston, S. C. Canton, Ohio Rock Island, Ill. Sheboygan, Wis. Huntsville, Ala. Anderson, Ind. Olean, N. Y. Harrisburg, Pa. Hickory, N. C. Anniston, Ala. Orlando, Fla. South Bend, Ind. Ann Arbor, Mich. Jackson, Mich. Wilkes Barre, Pa. Wilmington, Delaware Winchester, Va. Louisville, Ky. Peoria, Ill. Madison, Wisc. Indianapolis, Ind. Springfield, Ohio Bloomington, Ill. Johnson City, Tenn. Lansing, Mich. Florence, Ala. Burlington, Vt. Jamestown, N. Y. Cleveland, Ohio New York, N. Y. Dubuque, Iowa Buffalo, N. Y. Muskegon, Mich. Covington, Va. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Charleston, West Va. Wheeling, West Va. Lewiston, Maine Lexington, Ky. Grand Rapids, Mich.

WLAW	Hildreth & Rogers Company	Lawrence, Mass.
	Air Waves, Incorporated	Baton Rouge, La.
WLCX	Bermac Radio, Incorporated	La Crosse, Wis.
WLEU	WLEU Broadcasting Corporation	Erie, Pa.
WLPM	Suffolk Broadcasting Corporation	Suffolk, Va.
WLINI		Chicago, Ill.
WLS	Agricultural Broadcasting Company	
WLVA	Lynchburg Broadcasting Corporation	Lynchburg, Va.
WMAL	The Evening Star Broadcasting Company	Washington, D. C.
WMAN	Richland, Incorporated	Mansfield, Ohio
WMFD	Richard Austin Dunlea	Wilmington, N. C.
WMFF	Plattsburg Broadcasting Corporation	Plattsburg, N. Y.
WMFJ	W. Wright Esch	Daytona Beach, Fla.
WMFR	Radio Station WMFR	High Point, N. C.
WMOB	Nunn Broadcasting Corporation	Mobile, Ala.
WMPS	WMPS, Incorporated	Memphis, Tenn.
WMRC	Textile Broadcasting Company	Greenville, S. C.
WMRN	The Marion Broadcasting Company	Marion, Ohio
WINGA	The Brockway Company	Massena, N. Y.
WINISH	The Radio Voice of New Hampshire, Inc.	Manchester, N. H.
	Harold Thomas	
WINAD	The Name and Observed Dublishing Co	Bridgeport, Conn.
WINAU	The News and Observer Publishing Co.	Raleigh, N. C.
WINAA	Cowles Broadcasting Company	Yankton, S. D.
MINBH	Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.	New Bedford, Mass.
WNBZ	Upstate Broadcasting Corporation	Saranac Lake, N. Y.
WNCA	Community Broadcasting Company	Asheville, N. C.
WOCB	Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.	West Yarmouth, Mass.
WOLS	Florence Broadcasting Company	Florence, S. C.
WORC	Alfred Frank Kleindienst	Worcester, Mass.
WORD	The Spartan Radiocasting Company	Spartanburg, S. C.
WOSH	Oshkosh Broadcasting Company	Oshkosh, Wis.
	Westinghouse Electric Corporation	Fort Wayne, Ind.
WPDQ	Jacksonville Broadcasting Corporation	Jacksonville, Fla.
WPOR	Oliver Broadcasting Corporation	Portland, Maine
	Miami Broadcasting Company	Miami, Fla.
	The WREN Broadcasting Co., Inc.	Topeka, Kansas
WRHP	Tallahassee Appliance Corporation	Tallahassee, Fla.
WRJN	Racine Broadcasting Corporation	Racine, Wis.
WRLD	Valley Broadcasting Company	West Point, Ga.
WRNL	Richmond Radio Corporation	Richmond, Va.
WROK	Rockford Broadcasters, Incorporated	Rockford, Ill.
WRRF		Washington, N. C.
WRRZ	Tar Heel Broadcasting System Incorporated	Clinton, N. C.
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WRTA	Thompson Broadcasting Company	Altoona, Pa.
WRUN	Rome Sentinel Company	Utica, N. Y.
WKWK	Champlain Valley Broadcasting Corporation	Albany, N. Y.
WSAI	Buckeye Broadcasting Company	Cincinnati, Ohio
WSAZ	WSAZ, Incorporated	Huntington, West Va.
WSBA	The Susquehanna Broadcasting Company	York, Pa.
WSGN	The Birmingham News Company	Birmingham, Ala.
WSIX	WSIX Broadcasting Station	Nashville, Tenn.
WSLI	Standard Life Broadcasting Company, Inc.	Jackson, Miss.
WSLS	Roanoke Broadcasting Corporation	Roanoke, Va.

WSOO Hiawathaland Broadcasting Company WSPR WSPR, Incorporated WSTC The Western Connecticut Broadcasting Co. WSUN City of St. Petersburg, Fla. WTAW The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas WTCN Minnesota Broadcasting Corporation
WTHI Wabash Valley Broadcasting Corporation
WTHT The Hartford Times Incorporated WTJS Sun Publishing Company, Incorporated WTOK Meridian Broadcasting Company WTOL Community Broadcasting Company WTON Charles P. Blackley WTVL Kennebec Broadcasting Company WWPG Palm Beach Broadcasting Corporation WXYZ King-Trendle Broadcasting Corporation CFCF Canadian Marconi Company CJBC ZBM The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. Bermuda Broadcasting Co., Ltd. KABC Alamo Broadcasting Co. KADA Dr. C. C. Morris KALB Alexandria Broadcasting Co. KATE Albert Lea-Austin Broadcasting Co. **KBIO** Jessica L. Longston KBIX Oklahoma Press Publishing Co. Big Spring Herald Broadcasting Co., Inc. Burlington Broadcasting Co. KCMC, Inc. **KBST KBUR KCMC** KCMO KCMO Broadcasting Co. KCOY News-Press Publishing Co. KCRC Enid Radiophone Company **KECA** American Broadcasting Co. KEIO Eastern Idaho Broadcasting & Television Co. KELD Radio Enterprises, Inc. Nevada Broadcasting Co. **KENO** KEPO Griffith Broadcasting Co., of El Paso KEX Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc. **KFBC** Frontier Broadcasting Co. Farmers & Bankers Broadcasting Corp. KFBI KFBK McClatchy Broadcasting Co. Amarillo Broadcasting Corp. **KFDA** Beaumont Broadcasting Corp.
Darrold A. Cannan-Wichita Brdcst. Co. **KFDM** KFDX Northern States Broadcasting Co. KFGO Herald Publishing Co., of Klamath Falls KFLW The Jack Gross Broadcasting Co. Cornbelt Broadcasting Corp. Mr. J. E. Rodman **KFMB KFOR KFRE** Voice of Longview KFRU, Inc. Donald W. Reynolds KFRO **KFRU** 

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KWLM Lakeland Broadcasting Co.
KWNO Winona Radio Service
KWRN Reno Newspapers, Inc.
KWTO Ozarks Broadcasting Co.
KXEL Josh Higgins Broadcasting Co.
KXOK Star-Times Publishing Co.
KXYZ Harris County Broadcast Co.

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